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DR. PATMONT attended the sessions of the United Nations at San Francisco, April and May, 1945. The above picture was prominently displayed a short distance from where delegates representing fifty nations assembled regularly. He tells of seeing persons of various nationalities pause and gaze in respectful silence upon the pantomime — only to walk away with expressions of awe stamped upon their faces. Orientals would frequently clasp their hands and bow with closed eyes, after looking at the Dragon shown leading the procession of Beasts. The inscription appearing under the picture reads as follows: "And there 'Were Four Beasts . . . and each Beast had Six Wings' . . . One Beast was like a Flying Eagle . . . and one Beast 'was like a Lion' . . . and one Beast had feet 'like a Bear' . . . 'and the Dragon gave power unto the Beast.' ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS — CHAPTERS 4 and 13."

Dr. Patmont explains in the accompanying article, the symbolic meaning of this weird exhibit — and why its public unveiling in San Francisco, at that particular time, was of prophetical significance.

The San Francisco Tableau

By

Dr. Louis R. Patmont

"BEHOLD a great red DRAGON."

"And behold another beast, a second, like to a BEAR."

"And the third the face of a LION, and the fourth the face of an EAGLE."

The San Francisco Tableau portrays a Dragon, Bear, Lion and Eagle. The above passages of Scripture assembled from the prophecies of the Apocalypse, Daniel and Ezekiel are presented, not because of any direct bearing upon the picture but rather to illustrate the fact that divine inspiration frequently symbolizes kingdoms as BEASTS.

Let the reader be reminded, for instance, of the seventh chapter of Daniel. There we find that the great empires destined to rise and fall between the time of Daniel and coming of "the Son of man with clouds of heaven," are described consecutively as Beasts.

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FACING THE GREAT AMERICAN CRISIS

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Upton Close . . . News Analyst and Radio Commentator

WHAT is a Fascist in this post-war age? In Britain Lord Vansittart, former permanent Undersecretary of the British Foreign Office has pounced upon several groups of people with the accusation that they are revising Fascism. In the same week, several Communistic papers in the United States accused Lord Vansittart of being an incurable Fascist. Other papers which endorse the system of ownership and business guaranteed by the American Constitution, called the Communist papers promoters of Red Fascism.

It gets to be quite a game, doesn't it? —this calling of anyone whose politics you do not like a Fascist! It reminds me of the days after the last world war when anyone who did or believed anything the name-caller did not like was called a "Bolshevik."

What do the people who use the word Fascist in such fast and loose fashion really mean by it? It is apparent that what the users of the term "Fascist" now want to do is make people think that all employers of labor and all owners of property and all who rent houses or rooms to others are wicked people. The latest smear word for "Capitalist" is "Fascist." The idea is to start a class war and bring the dictatorship of the proletariat by dividing us into two classes, and smearing all persons who do not believe in Collectivism with the borrowed word, "Fascist."

The greatest Capitalist in the world today is the government of Soviet Russia. It owns and operates every industry in its country and rents out every room in Russia. If this be not Capitalism, then nothing is. It is completely monopolistic Capitalism. It is bad Capitalism—the most heartless and ruthless that has ever been known on this earth. It uses the police to put not only competitors, but objectors, out of business. It is greedy Capitalism—the greediest ever known—so greedy that it is gobbling up neighboring countries all around it and refusing to get along with its fellow nations in the United Nations Organization.

You can never get away from Capitalism in this world any more than you can get away from work. You can regulate Capitalism by balancing it with good labor organizations, and by law, and through education which increases the sense of social responsibility among both owners and workers. On the other hand, you can put Capitalism in the hands of political bosses or elected politicians and their appointed bureaucrats —if you prefer to believe the promises people make who expect to become the boss class when THAT happens. Few voters in America are going to do this with their eyes open, but a great many can be deluded or digusted into doing it.

Remember that in this machine age all communities are Capitalistic and have got to be. Communism is not anti-Capitalism. Instead, it is a tighter form of Capitalism and one less subject to the restraint of law and human kindliness than any we have had before.

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THERE are now in the world only two two kinds of States. One is the enterprise State and the other is the slave State. The enterprise State is the organized society which grants freedom to individuals to develop natural resources and property and to invent and profit by ideas. It permits so many of its people to increase wealth in this good fashion that the impulse to gain wealth by impoverishing other people, at home or abroad, almost disappears. The ideal free State is one in which every citizen who works hard and thinks hard can increase his wealth without increasing the poverty of anyone else.

The other kind of State is the slave State. All the great empires of history have been slave States in which a small upper class lived in luxury through the toil of the many who were subject to them. In some cases they took their tribute through controlled trade. They made the people of great areas in the world which they held in subjection sell

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the raw materials they produced only to them, and they made these people buy finished goods only from them. This was the complaint of the American revolutionists who held the Boston Tea Party.

In spite of the principles of its founders, and the wonderful Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the United States of America was largely a slave State until it got started on the true path of enterprise following the Civil War. Within thirty years after that, from 1870 to 1900, it became the richest nation on earth, with the highest standard of living for the greatest number of its people of any nation on earth. Not all Capitalists who develop the resources of our continent, and benefited by the market afforded by the consumers of this country, were fair to labor. But enough of them shared with their employees to make the United States the highest-class market on earth. It became an accepted belief, which must have had a great deal of fact behind it, that any boy who was bright and energetic could raise himself to a state which would be called wealthy anywhere else in the world. There were things to be improved in this system, but it provided means for people to make themselves well-to-do out of the resources under their noses, instead of by taking away from others, either inside or outside of our own territory.

This was not due primarily to the richness of our territory. Russia has for 200 years had more territory, every bit as wealthy in mineral and agricultural resources as this nation's, yet the people of Russia today are as poor as the poorest in the United States before the Civil War. The Capitalism of Russia still operates on the theory of taking wealth away from the producers, rather than encouraging individuals to use wealth. Russia is still a slave State.

Slave state governments HAVE to keep on looting in order to exist. First they loot the richer classes among their own people to establish themselves. Then they start looting neighboring peoples, and building empire to keep their own people satisfied that they are getting somewhere and becoming great even though they remain miserable and poor. This is the fundamental reason why the dictatorship of Russia keeps on grabbing and looting its little neighbors.

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MANY of our sentimental people calmed their fears with the theory, just as the war was closing, that Russia would tend to her own business and not bother anyone else because she had all she could do to take care of her own people and her own problems. It has not worked that way, as a historian would have known, and those people who put so much trust in Russia are now either bitter or utterly confused and lost.

Of course, the real Communists among us who UNDERSTOOD Marxism KNEW that Russia would do just the opposite of tending to her own internal affairs, and they gloried in the thought, because they intend to make themselves part of the greatest looting gang in history. The prize they have in sight is the United States of America, the richest country to loot in the story of man. These people understood very well what Shakespeare meant when he had King Henry IV say to his son on his deathbed: "Therefore, my Harry, be it thy course to busy giddy minds with foreign quarrels. That action hence borne out may waste (or remove) the memory of former days." So long as Russia remains a slave State, the government of Russia will continue to gobble up anything weaker in its path.

You see the same motive working out in Britain today. Britain grew wealthy not on the resources of the British Isles but from commissions taken from the toil and products of others around the world. There was of course a great deal of honest labor contributed by British workmen, which deserved more than it got, but the government of Britain had to go on clinging to empire and exploiting foreign areas which it held by force. Therefore it had to go out and get into wars. Now we see the beginning of the second phase in Britain. The Socialist government there is resorting by degrees to confiscating the stored up wealth of its own wealthy class in order to keep going.

This is being done in a less violent and crude fashion than it was done in Russia, but it is being done just as surely, and just as surely it means the beginning of the end of the Glory that was Britain.

The amazing thing is that people who should know how these things work—people who SHOULD have studied history — want to ape Russia and Britain in this country! This is totally unnecessary. There is no limit to OUR develpment if we free the enterprise of human individuals to work upon OUR RESOURCES.

A few years ago you heard the story —it was much propagandized by Harold Ickes—that we would soon be out of oil. The date set for us to run out of this elixir of industrial life was 1929. Men called Capitalists, and men called scientists put their capital and determination and brains to work on the problem and today we have more fuel in sight than ever before in spite of the tremendous squandering of the war, and during which we fueled up most of the allied war machines, while Britain hoarded her oil deposits. Now we have not only synthetic oil, but gasoline made from natural gas, while men have learned to deep-drill and slant-drill into natural deposits previously undreamed of. So it goes, and so it will always go, where human initiative is free. But once the government begins to perpetuate itself by seizing and expropriating wealth, initiative stops and productive society turns into the state living on loot. Free society turns into slave Society.

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I HAVE pounded home my thought that the first danger to our Nation is the rearoused psychology of emergency which would enable administrators to exercise indefinitely over us the powers given them FOR WAR-TIME ONLY.

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Next to this, in seriousness, I would say, is the danger of racial and religious feuds and hates among us. It is the danger of using the racial or religious MOTIF for political purposes. That can be done by unscrupulous persons rousing prejudice and hate against some "minority." That can also be done, and is being done, by a rabble-rousing among minorities — frightening them falsely, arousing them to pick as victims persons who have never done anything to deserve fear and hate and retaliation. It is time someone took the hush-hush off this sort of thing and spoke frankly.

On the tour around the United States which I have just completed, I ran into cases in Cleveland, in Chicago, in Pittsburgh and here in Los Angeles, where there have been extreme injections of racial feeling into issues which should be decided purely upon political merits.

The TRUTH is NOTHING to these name-slaughterers. Their aim is to delude susceptible people to gain their ends, which amount to a change in the American form of government. Their technique is to destroy by means however foul, and by lies however flagrant, the names of those who stand for the traditional American form of government and production. I speak from heaps of evidence. American people at large must be warned against this technique in name-slaughtering. It is utterly unfair, and promises only damage, to both majority and minority groups. The likelihood is, that any charge from this source is utterly false, and that those who accept it and act upon it are being made the dupes of men who are REALLY out to make trouble between ONE GROUP OF GOOD AMERICANS AND ANOTHER.

The Sermon Of The Month

Joseph---A Man Led Of God

Rev. Kenneth R. Peterson . . . Calvary Bible Church . . . Wichita, Kansas

GUIDANCE . . . divine guidance! How precious this thought is to the heart of the Christian, especially during times of perplexity like those in which we now live! Every believer recognizes the need of light on his path, to dissolve the shadows and show him the way to go.

. . . Attention is invited to Matthew 1:18-25 and Matthew 2:13-23.

These passages, dealing with the birth of Christ, usually engage our attention at the Christmas season. But the text also contains a truth for our every day life. God's providential care is noted in all the strange testings through which Joseph passed. The record shows with unmistakable clearness that he was divinely guided.

BEHOLD THE MAN JOSEPH

Although a humble and unassuming character, Joseph commands our respect as one of the mighty men of the Bible. Like Enoch, he walked with God. Like Abraham, the fire of devotion burned on the altar of his heart. Like Daniel, he served God in prayerful submission. His character is stamped with sobriety.

The narrative at once reveals that Joseph was a man led of God. He enjoyed a sense of peace and security known only to those who are in the center of God's directive will. The frankness of the man and the simplicity of his faith, intrigues us. To dwell in the perfect will of God, is one of the deepest longings of the believer's heart.

Two questions are frequently asked: Am I in the will of God? How can I know His will for my life?

Only the shallow carnal Christian fails to be concerned with these questions. Yet there are those who make a formal profession of Christianity but live from day to day without ever saying, with James, "IF THE LORD WILL." They are content to accept Christ and take His Name, but unmindful that He wishes to regulate and give direction to their lives. But spiritually-minded people are concerned!

It is at this point that the study of Joseph proves edifying. We are impressed with the naturalness of God's leadings in his life. There was nothing strained about his experience.

Christian! Is there anxiety in your heart as to the will of God? Your life can run as smoothly as that of Joseph. You can know the blessing of guidance from above.

JOSEPH WAS A COMMON MAN

From the human standpoint, there was nothing in him to command special favors. He made a living with his hands. As a lowly carpenter, he knew the anguish of poverty.

There is nothing in his biography to suggest that he enjoyed the educational advantages offered by the schools of that time. At the temple, his wife offered two turtledoves, a sacrifice designated for the extreme poor. He placed the newborn Babe in the manger of a stable.

Let the common, ordinary existence of Joseph remind us that your life and my life are sufficiently important to attract the attention of Almighty God. If the angel addressed Joseph as "the son of David," a higher lineage is ascribed to you, for you are a "son of God."

Your citizenship is in heaven. You are a member of the royal family. Your Father wishes for you the fullness of blessing. Do not limit the flow of His

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JOSEPH WAS A JUST MAN

In dealing with God, it is the attitude of the heart that counts. Men see outward appearances. God examines the deepest motives. Joseph had a good heart. He was a righteous man.

No matter how lowly your state, God is interested in your innermost thoughts and impulses. It is necessary to be "on the beam," with Him. The words of David, recorded in Psalms 37:23 bring comfort to the soul of the believer: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

Regardless of what happens in the life of God's child, Romans 8:28 operates so that it is for the best. The assurance of being God-centered, serves to anchor our frail barks in the time of storm.

Consider carefully the three steps in the life of Jesus as given in Matthew 3:15; 3:17 and 4:1. They are:

(1) Fulfilling all righteousness.

(2) An earthly existence pleasing to God.

(3) Guidance by the Holy Spirit when facing the tempter.

The Bible is the yardstick by which the Christian measures his conduct. We are expected to observe its precepts and regulate our behavior according to the boundaries fixed therein. But no man can attain this ideal in his own strength. He must possess that inner light which comes only from vital contact with the Holy Spirit. Thus, fortified, he can go forward conscious of divine guidance.

JOSEPH WAS A PERPLEXED MAN

Could ever a man have been more mystified than he? Could anything so utterly dash a man's highest hopes and aspirations to the ground? He was hurt, cut, wounded to the very heart!

Mary!

Mary was found to be with child during their espousal, or engagement. How could she have so completely deceived him? The thought of Mary being a harlot crushed his soul.

Oh! the pain, the inward anguish he must have suffered.

Like Israel at the Red Sea, your life seems sometimes surrounded with waters that overwhelm you. Like Simon the Cyrenian, a cross is thrust across your shoulder. Do problems rise to cause you anxiety? Then you are where Joseph was at that point.

He was a sensible man. "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily."

Joseph's decision was exactly the opposite of that of the self-righteous Pharisees, with regard to the woman taken in adultery according to the eighth chapter of John's Gospel. Manhood and character prompted the thought of putting her away privately. He was willing to endure the stigma and remorse by suffering vicariously for her.

The use of the worded "minded" reveals he was trying to work out the best possible plan that a good man could produce. When problems rise, the man of character can be relied upon to create the best solutions available. But Joseph's experience shows that human effort falls short. There was a side to the matter that he did not understand. He needed guidance from above.

JOSEPH WAS A THOUGHTFUL MAN

"While he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream."

Joseph was in prayerful meditation, for he wanted to do the very best he could by Mary. His attitude, at this stage, is reminiscent of Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." And II Chronicles 20:12, "Neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee." Genesis 24:27 quotes Abraham's servant as saying: "I being in the way the Lord led me."

> Divine leading comes through spiritual impulses in the soul . . . direction to some particular passage of Scripture containing the message we need . . . or providential circumstances, when we do as Joseph did—GIVE PRAYERFUL THOUGHT TO MAKING THE REQUIRED DECISION.

God's answers come on scheduled time. Perhaps not always as we expect, but in the way that is best for us. In this instance, an angelic visitor appeared.

The Bible is replete with instances where God has spoken to His servants in dreams and visions. Can it be that the human mind is some times more responsive to spiritual impressions when one is asleep than awake? Remember, the soul never sleeps. The brain relaxes, but the soul continues active. For this reason, it is well to fill the mind with prayerful thoughts the last thing before going to sleep. Great men of God have found this a good habit to form.

A few years ago, the Pastor of a reputable Midwestern Church, on two differen! occasions had an impressive dream. Both times, he became aware that a being was beckoning him toward the West. He heard the voice say: "Arise, go West, over the mountains." He sought the Lord in earnest prayer, wondering as to the significance of the experience. A few days later, he received a letter giving him a call to a Church on the West coast. He accepted and was greatly used of God.

JOSEPH WAS INSTRUCTED

Through divine guidance, Joseph was

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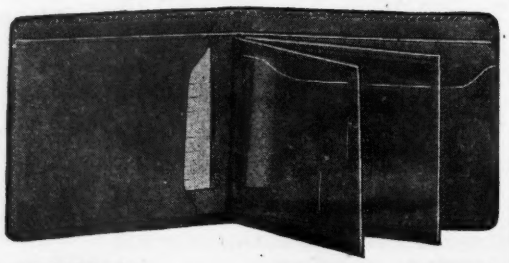

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instructed step by step, as to his moves. What a relief to be able to relax, in the face of knotty and complicated problems, knowing that an intelligence higher than our own, is operating for us!

"Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

When we are surrendered to God, our pathway is made plain. Joseph had no difficulty understanding the divine will. Saul of Tarsus prays, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" . . . and the answer comes, "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

The words, "Fear not," spoken to Joseph, took away all anxiety. The man, living in God's will, has nothing to fear.

The guidance Joseph enjoyed continued until the crisis ended. Every problem was mastered as he reached it. Such texts as the following show this to be the case: Matthew 1:20, Matthew 2:13, Matthew 2:19 and Matthew 2:22. As the cloudy pillar went before Israel in the wilderness, so the Lord wants to direct every step of your life, and my life.

In this story, we learn the inadequacy of even the plans of a good man. It would have been a grave mistake for Joseph to put Mary away. Samuel was certain the eldest son of Jesse was the man to rule, but God gave direction and David was anointed. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

The Person of Christ was the central concern in this circumstance. Joseph would never have moved to Egypt, or come back to reside in Nazareth, had he walked in his own choosing. He was given responsibility for looking after the infant Jesus. Every step of guidance that he enjoyed, was for the interests of God's Son.

Christian! Since you have taken Christ as your Saviour and Lord, your responsibility, is in a sense, like that of Joseph. To you is delegated the responsibility of guarding His interests and carrying forward His program in the world. HE IS RELYING UPON YOU.

Divine direction is not for those whose interests are selfish . . . but for those who desire to glorify the Lord Jesus.

When The Atoms Burst

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While the men who wrote the Bible may not have known any more about science than other men of their generation, yet the God who spoke through them, knew all about the mysteries that modern scientists are discovering. Science understands today, how easy it would be for the atmospheric heavens to start burning with a crackling roar, just as the air around Hiroshima leaped into flames when the first atom bomb burst. Because in the atmosphere is oxygen, which is one of the most inflammable of all gases, and nitrogen, the most explosive of all!

From nitrogen, we make T N T, and nitroglycerin and just one little thing could set the very air on fire. Water itself can be burned. One third of common table salt is sodium. This sodium has to be placed in kerosene to keep it from burning and when thrown on water will jump about, and finally burst into flames. You can see how easy it would be to set the ocean afire, and the book of Revelation tells us that the Lord will cast a great mountain of fire on the ocean. A time of judgment is coming when a bomb will be cast on the waters and start a fire.

HUMAN THINGS WILL BURN

There are many kinds of strange rays about us. The actinic or chemical ray coming from the sun, is deadly to all organisms. All life on the planet would be destroyed if that light should be permitted to come through, but it is diverted by the atmosphere.

Then there is another ray which comes from the sun that is light and can be seen, but not felt. This one could be described as typifying Christ who is Light . . . and the chemical ray, which is so deadly, could represent the God of

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justice, for no man can see God and live. Then the heat ray, which can be felt but not seen, could represent the Holy Spirit. All these come from the sun. Considering the existence of these inflammable things about us, we can see how easy it will be to set the world on fire.

God has often used fire for destroying evil things. Every sin offering in the Old Testament had to be burned. We learn in First Corinthians 3:12-15 that evil works, and those that are not worth anything, will be consumed by fire. God's unerring prophecies tell us this world is going to be destroyed by the bursting of the very atmosphere around us . . . and the water and elements, including even stars, will be ablaze.

JUDGMENTS BY FIRE

We know the world has been destroyed by water . . . and we are also told it will be destroyed by fire. If anyone denies either of these facts, discussed by Peter, he is completely out of step with God. And he is the very person that God's judgments, in these last days, may be expected to destroy.

The tares and even all the evil works of Christians, will be burned. We read in Hebrews 12:25-29 that everything capable of being shaken is reserved for burning. But what remains steadfast against the shaking process, will be used to build up "a kingdom which cannot be moved." Weak things that can be shaken must be removed. Then this passage says: "For our God is a consuming fire."

Satan had access to fire and used it when he wanted to bring down destruction upon Job. He will also use fire in demonstrating superhuman power, to convince the world that the Antichrist is god. This we learn from Revelation 13:13.

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These last days are scheduled for judgment. The Lord will appear with His angels and flaming fire to render vengeance to them that know not God and obey not the Gospel. The mysteries uncovered by scientists which confirm God's Word . . . and the prophecies we are witnessing coming to pass, give us the assurance that not one word God has spoken is going to fail. We should certainly, as the Holy Spirit said, be diligent to prepare ourselves for the hour of the Lord's sudden coming — at which time His enemies will be destroyed and His kingdom set up. If people continue in their rebellion, they may expect to be a part of the terrible, terrible destruction that is coming upon this earth.

We get light from Luke 17:28-30 on these two great events — the destruction of the world by water, and next by fire. Jesus said, As it was in the days of Lot, "after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed."

Lot lived in a wicked age, and God used the atom upon Sodom and Gomorrah to destroy them. They were burned and all the cities of the plains. "After the same manner shall it be" in the days of the coming of the Son of God. Judgment will burn up all the works that are evil upon this earth. This present world, religious, political, educational, economic, and everything that man has built without God's direction awaits destruction.

FLAMES AT ARMAGEDDON

We read in Isaiah 33:14 of the closing days and the prophet gives us a picture of conditions just before the great battle of Armageddon: "The sinners in Zion are afraid: trembling hath seized the godless ones: Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?" That question is being asked now. The world never was so alarmed. Scientists and leading scholars were never so frightened.

I have seen pictures in one of the popular magazines drawn by men who listened to discussions of scientists and military leaders, as to the possibilities and perils, if there should be another war.

We are told how this entire world could be burned up and our own nation destroyed within an hour. Rockets could be prepared somewhere, even by a very small nation, and sent through the stratosphere at an altitude of 45 miles . . . and they could travel at a speed of four or five thousand miles an hour, jet propelled and radar controlled . . . so that bombs could be started and timed to land — one on New York, another on Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland and all the large cities of the United States.

These bombs could be dropped within one hour regardless of efforts we might make to defend ourselves. Our army, navy, air fleets and submarines would not be worth a thing for defense against the atom and the atomic bomb. We would have to take our destruction helplessly. When the bomb fell in Japan it showed the world that defense systems of the past had become almost worthless.

The prophet Zechariah wrote of Armageddon and explained how the great armies may be expected to gather in Palestine and surround Jerusalem. Judgment accompanies these military movements. Reading Zechariah 14:12, it says: "And this shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth," and then in the sixteenth verse, "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations," of course, implying that

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great multitudes will have been destroyed.

HOPE ONLY IN CHRIST

There is but one hope of safety and that is, as some writers have stated, to create a world too good to use such a weapon as the atomic bomb in case of war. This brings another problem before us.

General MacArthur said in his great address at the destruction, or rather surrender of Japan, that the appalling need is to have a spiritual revival so religious experience will coordinate with progress made in the world of science, literature and art. He said: "Unless we can bring religious people up to as high a plane as the scientists, there can be no salvation of the flesh."

Jesus spoke of the times in which we live when He said: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

There is absolutely no defense or security outside of Christ. We have this thought beautifully illustrated in the experience of Moses. Remember when the lawgiver would see God in person, he was told that to do so would mean immediate death. But he was told to hide in the crevice of a rock, that God would pass by and let him see His following glow. Moses saw only the afterglow of God. He saw a brilliant light from his position in the rock.

My friend, if you want to see God at all, you must be hidden in that rock, Christ Jesus, who is our refuge, salvation and hope. If you wish to escape the everlasting fire and the everlasting burning, you must have the same protection that the Hebrew children had when they were thrown into the fiery furnace. Their protection was Jesus Christ, the Son of man who came and stood with them in the flames.

Friends, when we read of the destruction of fire scheduled to come upon this earth when all the works of man shall be burned . . . when the enemies of Christ and followers of Antichrist will be burned . . . when all of sin will be burned just as Old Testament sin offerings were burned, let us realize THERE IS BUT ONE HOPE — the One who was offered for us as our judgment, took our judgment and was our sin offering.

That is the only hope we have of escaping the judgment.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thro' us.
The prince of darkness grim—we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure: one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs—no thanks to them—abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

—*Martin Luther.*

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A SOLOIST in the days of Dwight L. Moody was something of an attraction. Ira Sankey, famous musical director of the Moody meetings, would often compose a new song during a service and use it the same evening.

The song "The Ninety and Nine," was born under these conditions at a meeting in Scotland, and sung by this great singer before an audience that melted into tears. Mr. Sankey's appealing voice turned thousands to Christ. Dr. French E. Oliver says: "He possessed the best voice ever heard on the concert stage of that day."

More Sankeys are needed in the vineyard of the Lord today. Many people who possess extraordinary musical talent, do not seem to appreciate the importance of the gift God has given them. Gospel singing and Gospel preaching go hand in hand. Every Christian with a singing voice should develop it to the highest and best, for the service of Christ. Music is an important factor in winning the lost.

Remember II Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Charles Alexander was in his day, one of the world's foremost song leaders. He would sing to huge congregations until Heaven's very portals seemed to open. Spiritual blessings in tidal waves would sweep over the audiences. It is reported that during the great revital meetings of the late 90's and the early days of the twentieth century, no less than one hundred thousand people came to Christ each week. Oh! would to God that such responses to Gospel preaching and singing could again be witnessed before the curtain finally drops to bring this age to a close.

The Apostle Paul emphasized the importance of soul growth through the use of sanctified music when he said in Ephesians 5:19: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

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It often happens that the music and words of a religious song permanently fasten upon the soul of a person and become a factor in shaping personality. "Good Night and Good Morning" is such a song. One can scarcely forget it.

This beautiful number was written by Mrs. Lizzie De Armond of Swartmore, Pennsylvania. Deep sorrow had come into her life through the death of a daughter who was a devout Christian.

God knows the sorrows and burdens of His children, and in gracious mercy sent these comforting words into her bereaved mind: "It is only good-night and good-morning." And from her pen, came these heart-touching sentiment:

When comes to the weary
A blessed release,
When upward we look to
His Kingdom of peace,
When free from the woes
That on earth we must bear,
We'll say good-night here,
But good-morning up there.

Homer Rodeheaver, the dean of living Gospel song leaders, wrote music to the words. When Mrs. De Armond was later called home to meet her daughter, Mr. Rodeheaver sang this song at the funeral. It was also one of a group he sang at the funeral of his long-time colleague, Billy Sunday.

Perhaps the most interesting story I have ever heard regarding the origin of a Gospel song is the one about, "Tell Mother I'll Be There."

Charles Fillmore, the writer, was reading a newspaper account of President McKinley's hurried call to the bedside of his dying mother. Mr. McKinley had wired this message: "Tell Mother I'll be There." The words so touched Mr. Fillmore's heart that he sat down, then and there, and wrote the famous song, which remains unrivaled in sweetness of thought and beauty.

Ivan Roberts used it more often than any other number in the historic Welsh revival. He said it had touched more hearts, and won more souls to Christ, than any song he ever used.

Strange as it may seem, "Tell Mother I'll be There" was refused by several publishing houses as having no merit. Finally it was printed in a small magazine and came to the attention of Mr. Alexander, who was then working with the late Dr. Torrey. He pasted it in his scrap book, actually wondering if he were wasting the space.

A year later, he was called upon one night in Newton, Kansas to sing a solo. He decided to sing, "Tell Mother I'll Be There." To his surprise, there was a tremendous response when he gave the altar call. Many came to Christ, including a young engineer, who told him: "I am glad you sang that song tonight. Nothing has ever before touched my heart. It brought to my memory a promise that I made to my mother long ago — a promise that I would meet her in Heaven. That song, tonight, brought me to Christ."

Songs, like sermons, have important missions to fill in the ministry of Evangelism.

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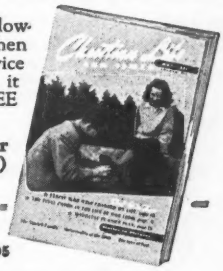

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A WELL known Christian writer has expressed his love and devotion for Motherhood as follows:

"All days are yours, our mothers. The joy of infancy and childhood centers in the mother, while memory finds in her its highest consolation. As long as the love for his Mother remains responsive in a son's heart, he is safe from overthrow, and to the daughter such love is a never-failing shield if she will use it."

God's judgments are always clothed with mercy. The Fall of Man in Eden was followed by the pronouncement to Eve, that, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception, and in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children." But to this was added the words: "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head." Some day, a daughter of Eve would become a chosen vessel, to mother the Son of God —the One Who would redeem mankind from the penalty of sin.

When Eve gazed upon her first born, she must have thought the promise fulfilled, for she exclaimed: "I have gotten a man from the Lord." Centuries later, the Lord Jesus explained her joy: "A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world."

The partnership with God is Motherhood;
What strength, what purity, what self-control,
What love, what wisdom shall belong to her
Who helps God fashion an immortal soul.

NATIONAL MOTHER'S DAY

The observance of a special day in which to honor Motherhood is not a new custom, for many years ago England had such a festival called Mothering Sunday. At that time, the child who had left home visited his Mother and took her a gift, usually a delicacy. Some eastern European nations observed a day designated as Mother Feast, when the Mother hid little gifts for the children to find. In some localities, boys and girls bound their Mother with strings until she promised to prepare something good for them to eat.

In this Country, the first suggestion of a special day for honoring Mothers came from Julia Ward Howe, author of "Battle Hymn of the Republic." It was her idea to combine the celebration with the Fourth of July and make the occasion a time for teaching peace. However, a half century passed, before the United States Congress authorized the President to designate, by annual proclamation, the second Sunday of each May as National Mother's Day.

Miss Anne Jarvis, of Philadelphia, had agitated the matter for years, traveling thousands of miles, making many speeches, writing hundreds of letters and spending much time in Washington. On May 4, 1914 President Wilson, wearing a white carnation in his lapel, signed a joint resolution in Congress, which established Mother's Day as we now observe the festival.

Miss Jarvis was the child of a parsonage, one of a family of eleven children. Her Mother was known far and wide for her kindly character. She had a large garden, and delighted to give flowers to those who had none. Because of her love for flowers, Miss Jarvis chose the white carnation as a symbol of the "Mother of Mother's Day."

One writer says: "The whiteness of the blossom represents the purity of Motherhood, the calyx symbolizes life, its fragrance is like the incense of a Mother's prayers, its wide field of growth exemplifies the boundless charity of a Mother's love; its enduring characteristics, her fidelity. And, crowning touch of all, the carnation's habit of folding its faded petals to its heart instead of dropping them, illustrates as no other picture could, the undying quality of a Mother's love."

Proper observance of Mother's Day signifies respect not only for our own Mothers, but to all Motherhood . . . the partners of God. The importance of sending a message to Mother on that day is not to be minimized. Lavish gifts do not mean as much to the mother-heart as simple, tender expressions of love and appreciation from the heart of her child. Nor should such expressions be limited to one day in the year!

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Said Washington Irving, the Essayist:

"A Mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts. A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives their husbands; but a Mother's love endures through all; in good repute; in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a Mother still lives on and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her with rapture, his merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think of him all unworthy."

John Wanamaker, Christian Philanthropist and Merchant:

"It is a good thing for a boy to be proud of his Mother; to feel complacent when he introduces her to his comrades, knowing they cannot help seeing what a pretty woman she is, so graceful, winsome, and attractive! There is always hope for a boy when he admires his Mother, and Mothers should care to be admirable in the eyes of their sons."

Theodore L. Cuyler, Minister of the Gospel:

"I cannot name any time, day or place when I was converted. It was my Mother's steady influence that led me gradually along, and I grew into a religious life under her potent training, and by the power of the Holy Spirit working through her agency. I feel now that the happy fifty-six years that I have spent in the glorious ministry of the Gospel of redemption is the direct outcome of that beloved Mother's prayers, teaching, example and holy influence."

J. S. C. Abbott, Historian:

"In a college where one hundred and twenty young men were preparing for the ministry, it was found that more than one hundred had been led to Christ by their Mothers."

Dwight L. Moody, Evangelist:

"My Mother! It was she who put her arms around us when Father died. It was she who made it possible for us to have even the small comforts of life, and when we were so poor that we scarcely had food to eat or fire to warm us, it was she who protected us. All that is good in my life, I think, has come from her; and I have never come near Northfield that I have not found myself walking nervously up and down the aisle of the car, anxious to reach home, that I might see my Mother."

Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States:

"I remember my Mother's prayers—and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. All that I am, or expect to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

Wendell Phillips, Orator and Reformer:

"Whatever I have done in my life has simply been due to the fact that when I was a child, my Mother daily read with me a part of the Bible, and made me learn a part of it by heart."

James Whitcomb Riley, Poet:

Mother, O Mother! the years are so lonely,
Filled with but weariness, doubt and regret!
Can't you come back to me, for tonight only,
Mother, my Mother
And sing, "Little brother
Sleep, for thy Mother bends over thee yet!"

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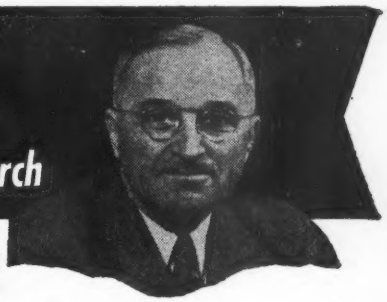

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May Nuggets

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—*Moody.*

We find God when our quiet responds to His quiet. Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body.

—*Emerson.*

Certain plants of the Christian life, such as meekness, gentleness, kindness, and humility, cannot come to perfection if the sun of prosperity always shines.

—*F. B. Meyer.*

The shadow of the sword can only be blotted out by the shadow of the Cross.

Following the line of least resistance is what makes rivers, and men, crooked.

Meek manners in public do not always mean mild manners in the home . . . One who boasts about his goodness cannot always brag about his kindness. . . . God's peace and rest in the heart are far better than sleeping pills. . . . There is no "Blessed are the trouble-makers" in God's Word.

—*Mrs. Coatney.*

It's a fine thing to be a gentleman, but it is sometimes a handicap in an argument.

You cannot expect first-rate children from second-rate parents.

—*Philip W. Bemis.*

Hats off to the past; coats off to the future.

—*American Proverb.*

A bad conscience has a good memory.

The woman who goes about with a cigarette in her mouth thinks she is a smoker, but she is mistaken. It is the thing in her mouth that smokes. She is only a sucker.

—*Quillman.*

When you have lived true to your God, your country, your family and your friends; when you have lived loyal to the ideals of your dreaming youth, faithful to the trusts your fellow men have reposed in you; when every thought and every act is measured by its value to those about you — then you will have achieved success.

—*Wilmer.*

An old Indian was asked what he thought of the entertainment. "Ugh," he grunted, "white man work hard for a good time — no have good time at all. Indian, he sit on rock and watch sun go down, much good time. Moonlight on rippling water, much good time. Watch fire burn low, much good time. Hear pine trees whisper together on hilltop, much good time. Very still stars, like heap big candles in heaven, much good time."

We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell others about it. The light will be its own witness. Lighthouses don't fire cannon to call attention to their shining — they just shine.

—*Moody.*

The mote in my brother's eye may be a shadow of the beam in my own.

—*Willard Brewing.*

God gave us memories that we might have roses in December.

—*Sir James Barrie.*

No mountain capped with snow, no sweep
of sea,
No sudden beauty in a lonely place
Can make God seem so real and close to
me
As looking at a baby's sleeping face.

—*Eleanor Graham.*

All men have their frailties; and whoever looks for a friend without imperfections will never find what he seeks. We love ourselves notwithstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.

—*Cyrus.*

The firmest friends have been found in mutual adversity, as iron is most firmly united by the fiercest flame.

—*Colton.*

Small kindnesses, small courtesies, habitually practiced in our social life, give greater charm to character than the display of great talents and accomplishments.

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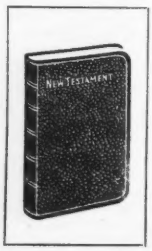

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After the election, Winchell asked over a Nation-wide hook-up, and I quote:

"How about the voters going after those other saboteurs who landed in Congress?"

Winchell knew there were no saboteurs in Congress, but deliberately sought by his question to make the people believe that in some congressional districts they had chosen as their representatives saboteurs, enemies of our country.

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You may remember that during the war eight German saboteurs landed on the Atlantic coast from a German submarine. They were apprehended. Six of them were executed. Jergens had a private secretary who aided one of those saboteurs, an enemy of our country, in his efforts to aid the German armed forces. She was apprehended and, when confronted with the evidence, admitted her guilt, was convicted of misprision of treason, and sentenced to prison. Winchell did not publicize the facts. Had the secretary or Jergens been a Member of Congress, you would have heard much about the incident.

Over a Nation-wide hookup on March 17, among other things Winchell said:

"Veterans' organizations representatives got a verbal slap in the face from Congressman Clare E. Hoffman, of Michigan."

Then Winchell charged that I said:

"Veterans are the same old Americans they were before the war, selfish and greedy still as they were before the war."

And Winchell added:

"Isn't is a little bit early to be slapping the faces of war veterans?"

Winchell was referring to a colloquy which took place on March 12 when Mr. John C. Williamson, assistant legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, appeared before a House committee considering the possibility of securing surplus housing for the use of veterans. There was no truth whatever in the statements attributed to me by Winchell, as the stenographer's official transcript will show.

As further proof of the falsity of Winchell's charge, let me quote Mr. Williamson. He wrote:

"My Dear Mr. Hoffman: As Assistant National Legislative Representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars I have noted with concern the unjustified criticism directed against you as a result of certain statements made by you during my testimony before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments on March 12, 1946, on amendments to the Surplus Property Act."

As are other Members of the House, I am in favor of and will vote for all worthwhile, remedial legislation the purpose of which is to assist veterans. Let me add that never at any time have I said or written anything, either as an individual or as the people's Representative, which by any distortion could be construed as reflecting upon the veterans or any organization of the veterans.

It is unfortunate and regrettable that the American Broadcasting Co. should permit Mr. Winchell to carry on a campaign of falsehood, vilification, and abuse against members of a branch of the Government. It is unfortunate that a few people without an investigation accept his statements and turn their criticism upon those vilified, rather than upon the originator and the peddler of falsehood and gossip.

Those who know Walter Winchell, who are familiar with the inaccuracy of many of his statements, with his policy of abuse, pay little attention to his utterances. Americans who believe in fair play should hesitate before accepting his statements, before repeating them, before they criticize those condemned by Winchell, who, perhaps, inspires more bitter class and racial prejudice than any other individual in America.

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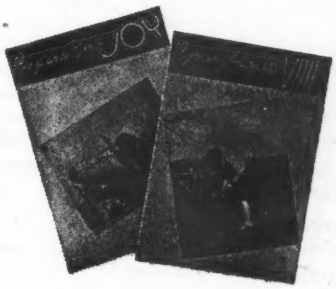

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ANALYSIS OF

EVANGELIST DEFIES SCRIPPS-HOWARD

The following United Press dispatch was circulated from Knoxville, Tennessee on April 15th. Christians will recall that the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain spearheaded the attack upon Dr. Springer last January through their "Rocky Mountain Daily News," published at Denver.

MANAGER R. B. Westergaard of WNOX, said today the radio station would put into effect its ban on paid religious broadcasts despite the mass protest yesterday of 20,000 flag-waving and Bible-carrying followers of the Rev. J. Harold Smith.

The ban goes into effect today. In the future, the station will provide free radio time for all religious groups in rotation but will not sell time to any religious organization.

The new policy was denounced yesterday at a public mass meeting called by Smith.

The handsome young evangelist called on his throng of 20,000 followers to stop listening to the radio station and to cancel their subscriptions to the Knoxville News-Sentinel. The station and the newspaper are both Scripps-Howard enterprises.

Both of them, Smith charged, were "anti-God, anti-Bible, anti-church, anti-gospel, and anti-preacher."

"Satan is at the bottom of this," he said. "If you people protest, the federal communications commission might take away their license. I say I have a right to be heard on the air and the right to buy time as well as Rooster Snuff has. If the radio will let Pepsi-Cola say 'Pepsi-Cola hits the spot,' then why don't I have the right to say 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . .'

"Every time I pick up the News-Sentinel I feel like a snake-handling creature. I want to bathe myself in lysol. That Godless gang with a hellious program would make drunkards of your sons and prostitutes of your daughters."

Police estimated that 30,000 other persons thronged the streets to watch the protest.

Westergaard said that paid religious programs were being dropped to give more time to more religious groups, according to their numerical strength in this area. He said Smith had rejected this because "free time is controlled time."

Another Knoxville station, WROL, also has cancelled paid religious programs, effective when current contracts expire.

The News-Sentinel said it had no connection with the station's policy, but in an editorial it had commended the station's action "in taking the price tag off religion." Pastors of two of the city's leading churches commended the new policy.

MARSHALL FIELD PUBLICATIONS

MARSHALL FIELD inherited so much money that he can go behind 2-million dollars a year on his left-wing Communistic New York paper, "PM" and think nothing of it!

This paper is familiarly known as, "The uptown edition of the Communist Daily Worker." It follows the red propaganda line the year 'round. But despite the Marshall Field financial reservoir to draw upon, it has the lowest circulation of the city's nine daily newspapers.

According to last reports, a counter revolution is developing within PM's organization. Whether revolutions be big or little, they breed counter revolutions — in Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Russia or newspaper offices.

Desmoulins, Danton and Marat were themselves dragged over the very French cobblestones and taken to the same guillotine, where they had pronounced death sentences upon uncounted thousands. Robespierre was dragged shrieking to the scaffold, and his head dropped into a basket where, only eighteen months earlier, Louis XVI knelt to die.

Lenin, Trotsky and Radek killed millions of teachers, doctors, lawyers, clerks, peasants, preachers, priests, not to mention members of royalty and aristocracy. Radek was later executed by his former friends. Trotsky was assassinated by red hands. Stalin has been charged with the death of Lenin.

Marshall Field recently ordered PM's Washington press representative, James Wechler, to move three members of his staff to New York. Wechler defied his employer and quit his job. Field discharged the other three. One of them, Milton Murray, started action against the paper before the American Newspaper Guild. Field promptly discharged 26 more employees at PM's New York office, announcing as he did so, that the paper was about to undergo a complete change in editorial policy.

Wechler is one of the left-wing writers who did an expert job of smearing persecuted Christians, on the false charge of sedition in 1944.

But counter revolution in PM's New York and Washington offices, does not mean that Marshall Field is going into reverse, as a publisher. He inherited 168-million dollars from his grandfather and is reported to be buying deep into

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numerous magazines and newspapers — SYSTEMATICALLY INOCULATING THEM WITH THE VIRUS OF LEFT-WING RADICALISM. His "Chicago Sun," started with the hope of destroying the "Chicago Tribune," is still in its infancy . . . and not a particularly healthy or promising child.

An earlier report from New York says: "Field has another hush-hush plan: to inject a bit of fresh, leftish air into rural weeklies. His partner in this project is banker-economist James Paul Warburg, an early New Dealer . . . and in 1944 a doorbell-ringer for Sidney Hillman's P.A.C Field and Warburg's ambition is to set up as a rival to powerful Western Newspaper Union which sends out material to U. S. weeklies."

ROOSEVELT'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH

THE current practice of New Dealers — referring constantly to the strength supposedly possessed by Roosevelt in death, causes many to wonder if something is preying on their minds.

Harold Ickes says: "My own confident prediction is, that F.D.R. dead will give the Republicans as sound a trimming as ever did F.D.R. living."

Congressman McCormack says: "Franklin D. Roosevelt licked the Republican party four times in life, and he will lick them in death."

Walter Winchell says: "Roosevelt's foes hate him because they know that they will be defeated by the living memory, just as they were whipped by the living man."

A news bulletin from Washington says: "Certain New Dealers within the Episcopalian church are moving to have FDR cannonized — made a saint."

Scores of rumors are in circulation regarding the mysterious death of Roosevelt, for the reason that no member of the family or official of Government, has taken the American people into their confidence. RUMBLINGS ARE NOW BEING HEARD, THAT A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION MAY BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH.

Stalin refused to accept early reports that Roosevelt was dead. It is not known if he has changed his mind. He sent the Soviet Ambassador to the State Department with a request to examine the corpse. The plea was passed along to the White House and denied.

A Defender reader in Iowa asks: "Why wasn't the body of the late President placed in state for a period of time to be viewed by his friends and followers?"

That is the question many are asking.

PEGLER DEFENDS COMMITTEE

In his column of April 23rd, Westbrook Pegler, well known newspaper writer, exposes the forces responsible for the present attack upon the "Committee On Un-American Activities." He shows why Congressman Rankin, a member of the Committee, is a special target for abuse.

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THERE is a campaign running now for the abolition of the House "Committee on Un-American Activities" whose chairman is Congressman John S. Wood, of Georgia. The source of this organized propaganda is New York, where political hysteria has been carefully fomented over a period of years . . .

Among those who have joined this campaign directed against Rankin, there are some, including a few editorial voices, who should stand by him but have unconsciously sunk into a state of intellectual and political intimidation, so abject that they lack the stamina to resist certain K-ration thoughts issued by the Communists and the Political Action Committee of the CIO.

This kind acquiesce to the extent of saying that of course we do need a Committee on Un-American Activities but that, of course, again, Mr. Rankin is impossible just as Martin Dies, before him, also was impossible in the same position.

In strict accordance with the Communist and, if you will, Nazi method, Mr. Dies was held up to the Nation as a Jew-hater although no record ever was found of any single utterance to support the charge nor any person who could say he had heard Mr. Dies express this sentiment.

However, he had found many persons with Jewish names among those with Anglo-Saxon, Irish and Latin names, among the Communists and fellow-travelers. Naturally, Mr. Dies exposed their activities and so it followed in the Communist propaganda that he was anti-Semitic and many Jews and others sincerely believed that he was, nevertheless.

Mr. Dies could not foresee, but he soon learned that as soon as he turned his attention from the conspiracies of the Italian Fascist organizations in the East, which were more comic and contemptible than dangerous, and the operations of the Hitler Bund, to those of the Communist traitors and their accomplices, he would become the object of a savage, ruthless and sustained war of

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He was discredited in his home district BY THE GREATEST MONEY-POWER EVER ORGANIZED IN AMERICAN POLITICS, the Political Action Committee, and so withdrew with no recognition of his excellent work which far outweighed the informalities and unimportant irregularities of method which were charged against him.

Upon analysis the worst offense charged to Rankin of Mississippi is that he has the sort of manly personal temper that most Americans respect in their friends and fellowmen. Call him a dirty name and he will call you a dirtier one back and keep on raising you or see you outside if you prefer. He has been the victim of vile abuse.

There can never be a perfect Committee on Un-American Activities nor a perfect chairman, but most other committees share the same imperfections. In judging Mr. Rankin, however, the public is asked to look only at the propaganda of the Communists and those who have been influenced by it. Not one in a million has ever looked at the record which is the only proper basis for judgment.

WINCHELL DIRT

A SPICE-OF-LIFE publication suggests the following epitaph for Winchell's tombstone:

"At Last the Dirt's on Me."

Of all the literary lows touched by Winchell, perhaps the lowest was his recent story about Winston Churchill allegedly interesting himself in eleven year old girls for personal purposes.

New Deal smear artists will go to any extreme to accomplish their diabolical purposes. The words truth, decency and integrity do not belong in their vocabularies.

The foregoing scurrilous remark was sent out by Winchell immediately after Churchill's message at Fulton, Missouri castigating Communism. Other caustic quips from this source at approximately the same time were as follows:

"After Churchill's speech, Hitler must be laughing in his shroud . . . Several Irish-American groups plan to picket Churchill on the 15th . . . Churchill wants us to love Britain and hate Russia . . . Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Churchill . . . Americans who have interviewed Stalin usually are impressed by his keen sense of humor . . . When Stalin posed for news pictures flanked by Ambassador Harriman and Eric Johnson, Harriman remarked: 'I suppose this is the first time you have ever had your picture taken between a Republican and a Democrat.' Stalin chuckled: 'Imagine a Communist bringing the Republicans and the Democrats together. . . . Stalin once explained: 'I like to do business with American businessmen.' "

Everything is perfectly clear: Churchill became a beast, and Stalin an angel, following the Fulton, Missouri speech.

EXIT SHINTOISM

CHINA is the mother of all far eastern culture. Japan is indebted to her for language, literature, civilization and religion. China is called by the name Sinim in Isaiah 49:12 — a word that stems from the Hebrew "Ciyniym" and according to James Strong, means "a distant, Oriental region."

Ancient peoples, known as the Sinae, attained an independent position in western China as early as the eighth century B. C. In the third century B. C. they established their sway, under the dynasty of Tsin, over the entire Far East. From this source came Shintoism, the religion of Japan. This system worships nature, venerates ancestors and deifies the Emperor. When World War II began, it claimed about 50-million followers. The Encyclopedia Britannica refers to Hirohito as "both Caesar and Pope."

Now Rev. Bokko Tsuchiyama, a Japanese Methodist Minister from Osaka predicts that the Emperor will himself become a Christian. This Pastor, who is at the present time touring the United States, says: "They feel Shintoism and Buddhism have failed and are turning toward Christianity."

UNFORTUNATE ATTACK

THOMAS MANN, a 70-year old German refugee — now a citizen of the United States, has published an unfortunate and unwarranted attack upon Dr. Martin Luther. Just why the "Yale Review" should have opened its columns to such an Elmer Gantry tirade is difficult to understand. Certainly nothing constructive could hope to be accomplished.

The article discredits Thomas Mann as a historian and shows that he possesses no understanding of Church problems. He scrambles politics and religion into an omelette of spoiled eggs. He evidently entertains a deep grudge against Protestantism. Otherwise he would not describe the great Reformer as being such a miserable man of hate and personal wickedness.

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SENTINELS OF LIBERTY

By
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It is increasingly obvious that most sources relied upon by the American people for needed alarms, have basely deserted their sentinel posts. Many of them have become insidious propaganda organs against fundamental liberty in aid of its foes.

In consequence, there is pressing need today, in every community in every part of the United States, for loyal, vigilant, impartial, persistent, and thoroughly equipped voluntary sentinels of liberty. They should be actual members of the particular community, well known for sterling integrity and capability, and deservedly respected for reliability when spreading alarms. Without abandoning or neglecting their other duties in their particular stations in life, and without seeking personal glory, they can perform such patriotic task, publicly and privately, with gratifying effects.

Such patriotic sentinels of liberty will be in striking contrast to the familiar blatherskites, engaged in advertising themselves along with commercial products, and conducting insidious propaganda organs against fundamental liberty under the guise of championing liberty.

So great has the need become for patriotic sentinels of liberty in our Republic, to spread needed alarms, that its survival until the next generation may depend upon such sentinels of liberty in this generation.

FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTY

There is nothing abstruse or complicated about fundamental liberty which belongs to everyone everywhere as a matter of right, regardless of whether his government does or does not want to recognize it. The American Declaration of Independence gives the most perfect definition of it ever formulated, namely:

1. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."
2. That "they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights."
3. That "among these rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."
4. "That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

This flawless definition of God-given individual liberty, the very keystone of Civilization, should put to shame those who stupidly or corruptly deny that governments are instituted to secure for the people what belongs to them under fundamental liberty, and claim that governments may institute so-called philosophies at variance with such fundamental liberty.

INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO DIRECT OWN LIFE

With fundamental liberty functioning unhampered, the individual directs his own life without violating the equal freedom of others, and also without himself encountering interference, governmental or non-governmental. Accordingly, the reasoning faculties and other talents with which Providence endows all individuals in varying measure enable each producer to enjoy the fruits of his initiative and ingenuity, and society in general reaps an infinitely greater harvest through increased production and development of constantly-increasing fields of human endeavor.

A marvelous economy of abundance and freedom is the necessary result, with ever-increasing happiness and prosperity beyond calculation and defying the imagination—in striking contrast to the economy of scarcity and serfdom inevitably produced by a government which reverses its status as faithful servant of the people and undertakes to itself direct their lives through a governmental bureaucracy or other device.

SIMPLICITY AND ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT

When government limits itself to its governmental function of safe-guarding and protecting individual liberty and equal freedom, a simplicity and economy in government results which cannot fail to chasten and invigorate republican principles. Fundamental liberty finds no difficulty in paying its way without ruinous taxes or a public debt.

A huge public debt may be readily used as an insidious method of confiscating everything that the people own, and spending the nation into destruction. Those possessing the spirit of fairness and propriety inherent in fundamental liberty are too loyal to its principles to institute a governmental spending spree, or to divert taxpayers' monies into foreign coffers as loans, credits or gifts, or dissipate any of such monies to a world bank, world union, or any other global monstrosity repugnant to the underlying concepts of an independent nation of free men.

NATIONAL DEFENSE IN A NATION OF FREE MEN

Moderately-sized military establishments, supplemented by the unquenchable SPIRIT OF LIBERTY inherent in every free people, will always render a nation of free men unconquerable by any foe. Empires, however, lack liberty among their people, and therefore their people lack such SPIRIT OF LIBERTY. In consequence, Empires have to depend upon overgrown military establishments both to keep their people subjugated and to be prepared for further imperial aggression.

George Washington had this distinc-

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tion in mind when giving warning, in his Farewell Address, that "overgrown military establishments" are "inauspicious to liberty" and "particularly hostile to republican liberty." No independent nation of free men has ever provoked a war in all history, whereas Empires cause wars as naturally as a lion eats raw meat. Any so-called international peace structure, equipped with force, is doubly monstrous when Empires are included in its make-up. Incorporating Empires into such an organization is as senseless as incorporating a pack of wolves into a flock of sheep.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

In the time of Thomas Jefferson, there were persistent efforts to divert the functioning of the American Republic away from its constitutional orbit, and into the realm of governmental assumption of direction of the lives of the people for their so-called better welfare. Jefferson denounced such efforts, saying:

> "An elective despotism is not the government for which the War of Independence was fought."

Jefferson gave further solemn warning, as follows:

> "It would be a dangerous delusion if our confidence in the men of our choice should silence our fears for the safety of our rights. Confidence is everywhere the parent of despotism. Free government is founded on jealousy, not in confidence. It is jealousy, and not confidence, which prescribes limited constitutions to bind down those whom we are obligated to trust with power. Our Constitution has, accordingly, fixed the limits to which, and no further, our confidences will go. In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution."

Jefferson was adverting to the undeniable fact that all the enumerated and limited powers given to the Federal Government under our Constitution were adapted and intended for the protection of individual liberty and equal freedom from all interferences, governmental or non-governmental, to the end that every individual might be secure in his right to direct his own life.

The word "Democracy" was used by Jefferson as referring to the right of the people individually, rather than collectively, to direct their respective lives, so that he felt compelled to blast "An elective despotism." Yet advocates today of so-called collective liberty, contradistinguished from inalienable individual liberty, have the audacity to claim to be followers of Jefferson, and to make use of the term "Democracy" to describe their un-American nostrums.

"Democracy" is deceptively used today on a world scale to mean an elective despotism for governmental direction of a people's lives by shackling individual liberty through a government bureaucracy.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Lincoln was confronted in his time by concerted and persistent efforts—by Clinton Roosevelt in 1841, by Benjamin Disraeli in 1845, and by Karl Marx in 1848—to put an end to individual liberty by pretending it had been rendered obsolete by scientific means of happiness already produced by individual liberty. The foes of individual liberty in America during that period had begun to become numerous, but they were easily put to rout by the great Lincoln through a simple and scholarly portrayal of the real truth, as follows:

> "Most governments have been based upon the denial of the equal rights of men, ours began by affirming those rights. We made the experiment, and the fruit is before us. Look at it—think of it. Look at it in its aggregate grandeur, of extent of country and numbers of population — of ship and steamboat, and railroad."

Lincoln also observed:

> "That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise."

Lincoln well knew that inalienable individual liberty could never become obsolete, because constituting an essential part of God's plan for human happiness of everyone from the beginning to the end of time.

LIBERTY SHOULD BE UNIVERSALLY ENJOYED

In his Farewell Address, George Washington urged the prudent use and careful preservation of the blessing of liberty, so that it might ultimately be deemed worthy of—

> "the applause, the affection and adoption of every nation which is yet a stranger to it."

Throughout the life of the American Republic, this has been the constructive and practical attitude and viewpoint of sound-thinking and loyal Americans, who believe in helping others to help themselves, but not to encourage them to help themselves to what does not belong to them. Those who would control and distribute the fruits of individual liberty in the American Republic among non-producers thereof, domestic or foreign, as a supposed part of the government function, do not know or care what inalienable individual liberty is. They would shrivel up free enterprise, and put an end to the blessing of liberty for

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Curtailing enjoyment of American products in America, or giving away or draining off any part of American production, through government decree, to make up for production deficiencies abroad, where economies of scarcity and serfdom are practiced, will inevitably be followed by an ever-increasing economy of scarcity and serfdom in the American Republic as well. Since our blessing of liberty would cease to be preserved, we could no longer give inspiration to oppressed peoples anywhere, and our Statue of Liberty might as well be hauled down and sunk, as the American Republic would be sunk.

Universal enjoyment of the blessing of liberty is not helped by putting an end to it through destruction of individual incentive and initiative, in the name of world peace and humanitarianism or under any other guise.

WITHOUT INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, DESPOTISM REIGNS

Where individual liberty is impaired or supplanted by government, despotism reigns, and a nation of free men becomes impossible. There is no middle ground. Whether the despotism be totalitarian or authoritarian is a matter of degree only, not of type or kind. A nation which is not a nation of free men, with individual liberty unhampered, cannot be other than a despotism, no matter how much its liberty-destroying economy may be camouflaged as a philosophy or ideology.

The individual's inherent right to direct his own life in accord with his inalienable individual liberty (whether he does or does not want a quart of milk a day) is not dependent upon proficiency in statesmanship or politics. The claim that any people are too undeveloped for the exercise of such elemental right is patently absurd. Efforts to swindle a people out of individual liberty through a government bureaucracy are usually preceded by avoidance of correction of private monopoly inroads upon their liberties which government has a duty to remedy, instead of using as an excuse for government bureaucracy.

Wherever inalienable individual liberty has been impaired or supplanted by government, an insidious despotism is functioning rather than a nation of free men. Denial of suffrage is not essential to the creation of a despotism although it is potent evidence of a despotism. Even without such denial, a despotism exists wherever inalienable individual liberty is impaired or supplanted. Failure to recognize this undeniable fact is responsible for the continuing recognition of liberty-destroying despotisms as belonging to the so-called family of civilized nations. A so-called world peace structure built upon despotisms can be no more dependable than a house built upon quick-sand, or a fire department which uses gasoline as a fire-extinguisher.

When despotisms wage wars between one another, there is hope for their oppressed people becoming liberated through the crashing of their despotic regimes, but when nations of free men are also drawn into the maelstrom, new fat is thrown into the fire, and such hope is destroyed. It was essential to the survival of despotisms for the American Republic to be drawn into World War I and World War II. If its leaders permit it to be drawn into a World War III, the end of Civilization may be at hand. Two of the three despotisms comprising the Axis side of the conflict in World War II were so-called allies of our Republic in World War I, namely, Italy and Japan. American blood will always defend the American Republic, but it is too precious to be sprinkled about the world in conflicts between despotisms.

AMERICAN REPUBLIC TODAY

Before the American Republic spends itself entirely into destruction to supposedly save Civilization, it might be well for the American people to take their bearings and also GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO POSSIBLY CHANGING THE ENTIRE CREW responsible for the diversion of our Republic away from its constitutional orbit.

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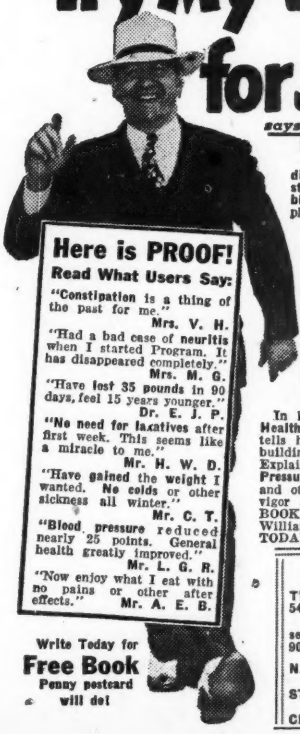

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3. "an immediate and drastic reduction of governmental expenditures . . . to accomplish a saving of not less than twenty-five per cent in the cost of federal government," and
4. "maintenance of the national credit by a federal budget annually balanced."

The so-called New Deal made use of such sound, practical and truly American platform to ride into power. Every one of those pledges has been brazenly performed IN REVERSE, while shackling the liberties of the American people through the medium of a network of unconstitutional and un-American nostrums. On January 3, 1936, Roosevelt boasted about having "built up new instruments of public power" which might in other than New Deal hands "provide shackles for the liberties of the people." Six months earlier, on July 5, 1935, he had brazenly urged a subcommittee of Congress regarding then pending legislation:

"I hope your Committee will not permit doubts as to constitutionality, however reasonable, to block the suggested legislation."

From the beginning, the New Deal has conducted a ruthless war against private enterprise by endless shackling mediums, beginning with the unconstitutional N.R.A. and A.A.A. which the Supreme Court held to be invalid.

The New Dealers appear to have constituted from the beginning a well-organized corps of apostles of scarcity, determined to substitute an ECONOMY OF SCARCITY, in lieu of the individual-liberty economy of abundance and freedom produced by the fundamental liberty of Americanism. So vital was an economy of scarcity deemed by them to be, in order to shackle private enterprise and make inalienable individual liberty a memory, that the New Dealers proceeded to actually require the plowing-under of crops, the killing of pigs, etc., and to pay bonuses out of the taxpayers' monies for non-production.

One so-called emergency after another has furnished the excuse for the persistent shackling of private enterprise, and it is safe to predict that THE NEW DEAL WILL NEVER RUN OUT OF SO-CALLED EMERGENCIES UNTIL IT HAS BEEN RUN OUT OF OFFICE, nor will an economy of abundance and freedom ever return to the American people while the New Deal continues in power.

The so-called accomplishments by the New Deal for liberty and security of the American people bear a strange resemblance to the boldly proclaimed Communist program at the 8th Convention held in April 1934 under the auspices of the Communist Party of the U.S.A., which declared:

"The revolutionary way out of the crisis begins with the fight for unemployment insurance, against wage-cuts, for wage increases, for relief to the farmers—through demonstrations, strikes, general strikes, leading up to the seizure of power."

Everyone who has eyes can see that the greatest need in our country today is the return of an economy of abundance and freedom, which is being obstructed in devious ways. Inflation is being promoted, while keeping back production which is the only effectual remedy against inflation. Our returning veterans naturally have difficulty understanding why this condition persists, after they have fought so gallantly to preserve American liberty.

ORGANIZED PROPAGANDA OF DECEPTION

The blame for conditions in our Republic today cannot be put upon any whole race of people, Germans, Russians, Jews or any other. Nor is it fair to condemn the American people because the New Dealers were able to impose upon them. Organized propaganda of deception, aided by most of the usual sources upon which the American people were accustomed to rely for truth and needed warnings, took the American people off their guard. Nor should we be too broad or severe by taking to task all those employed in connection with the sources which have deserted their sentinel posts, many of whom may be victims themselves through deception or coercion. Most people instinctively want to be honest. It is always better to be as charitable as possible consistently with the exposure of needed truths.

Nevertheless, it must be borne in mind that conditions needing remedy require fair and truthful portrayal in order to apply an efficient remedy.

It ought not have been necessary for a group of laymen to explore, as our Founding Fathers did, in order to find and bring forth the fundamental truth regarding God-given individual liberty and the purpose of government to secure or safeguard the inalienable rights

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accruing therefrom. The truth regarding the matter, stated in our Declaration of Independence, and which had existed since the beginning of time, would have been most appropriate for much earlier dissemination by the clergy of all beliefs everywhere.

We must not, however, be too severe because of the clergy's non-disseminnation of such fundamental truth regarding God's plan and purpose for humanity. When we consider that the world was, as it still is, mostly dominated by despotisms, disinclined to harbor clergy who should expose the despotisms as such, we can understand the clergy's adoption of a policy of expediency. But for such condition of coercion, all clergy refusing to disseminate the truth about God-given inalienable individual liberty deserve the severest denunciation, no matter how high the office held.

Consequently, it is not possible to denounce too severely the instances in history where ecclesiastics have themselves actually devised, advocated or administered a system shackling individual liberty. They plainly sought temporal power through the medium of suppression of God-given individual liberty, and when claiming to represent God in so doing became guilty of blasphemy. The tremendous extent to which the New Deal has been advocated by sections of the clergy—Jewish, Protestant and Catholic, as supposedly moral doctrine, cannot possibly be condoned or excused, nor can the advocacy by them of a global super-body, edifice or world government, which cannot possibly be reconciled with independent nations of free men and the preservation of their vigilant and effective safeguarding of individual liberty in their respective territories.

Since many clergy are claiming to be "authoritative" in such wholly unauthorized and ruinous political advocacy, it may be necessary to obtain legislative action to prevent similar future trespasses by clergy upon the political liberty of the individual. It is impossible to exaggerate the inherent menace to human freedom of political advocacy disguised as religion. But for such performances, the New Deal might never have succeeded in keeping its shackles upon the American people for such a long period.

However, we must not overlook the outrageous contribution which has been made, during a very long period, by public schools in many parts of the nation to the undermining of American patriotism, using for the purpose textbooks which disparage the individual liberty of Americanism and advocate substitution of a collectivist system. The rank and file of the teachers in the public schools of the nation are not responsible for any such misuse of tax-supported schools against the nation.

Wherever this outrageous condition exists, it is instituted and required by the board of education, or superintendent of schools, usually with mutual knowledge and hearty concurrence. Nearly ten years ago, this writer exposed this condition in his book "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing" (1937), and cited authentic works going back as early as 1920 dealing with the same condition, yet the condition remains uncorrected. No school or college should be allowed to teach youth in our nation when it teaches what is manifestly inimical to the public welfare, which academic freedom can never justify, as the Supreme Court said in the Oregon School Cases, 268 U. S. 510, 534.

NEW DEAL STILL PROMOTED

In a nation-wide broadcast of August 9, 1945, Roosevelt's successor declared that we had just learned a "new thing" which "we had not known," namely, "that a society of self-governing men is more powerful, more enduring, more creative than any other kind of society." Obviously, he intended to laud New Deal bureaucracy as being "a society of self-governing men," because he certainly knew better than to think the great qualities and fruits of our Republic had not been previously known during the more than one hundred and fifty years of its functioning.

In another address delivered April 12, 1946 at the dedication of the Roosevelt Preposterous Shrine, Hyde Park, New York, Roosevelt's successor lauded what he called "the progressive and humane principles of the New Deal," and made plain his purpose to continue them.

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happiness and prosperity, and that substitution of governmental bureaucracy under a so-called society of self-governing men will give everybody security while still retaining liberty.

Whenever it is tried anew upon unsuspecting people, it has to be given a new name to avoid rejection because of past performances. It is like a man who has acquired a bad reputation due to earlier bad deeds. His past must be obliterated, through at least a change of name, before he can hope to make new conquests. The idea of calling any such performance "progressive" is ridiculous.

It rejects the fundamental liberty constituting an indispensable part of God's plan for human happiness, which our Founding Fathers featured in our Declaration of Independence. It ignores the demonstrated and incomparable fruits of individual and equal liberty which Abraham Lincoln explained in a masterly and unanswerable way. And it asks the American people to revert to the dark ages and accept as a substitute for individual and equal liberty, a system of insidious shackles subjecting their lives to direction by government under an economy of scarcity and serfdom.

IF THE NEW DEAL REALLY WANTED TO BE PROGRESSIVE AND HUMANE, WHY DID IT NOT CARRY OUT THE TRULY PROGRESSIVE AND HUMANE PROGRAM OF 1932 UPON WHICH IT RODE INTO POWER? The pledges in that Platform would have corrected the abuses from which the American people were suffering. It was a gross betrayal not to perform them, and an even worse betrayal to usurp power not given in our Constitution to subject the American people to nostrums which had always proven to be disastrous.

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SAN FRANCISCO TABLEAU

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The first empire, Babylon, was "like a lion, and had eagle's wings." The second, Media-Persia, was "like to a bear." The third, ancient Greece under Alexander, was "like a leopard." The fourth, old Rome, was a nondescript Beast "dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly: and it had great iron teeth." The fifth and final world empire to be established before Christ returns will be a monstrosity with "ten horns."

Perhaps this last Beast came into existence at the very time the San Francisco tableau was unveiled on the streets of that city. At any rate, the doom of the last system of world government was sealed about the year 555 B. C. when Daniel penned his immortal prophecy: "I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame." Does this infer that the Beast kingdoms of men will destroy themselves in the fires of atomic energy?

The prophet anticipated the outcome: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him."

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A STUDY of the picture reproduced on page 2 shows China portrayed as a Dragon at San Francisco . . . Russia a Bear . . . Great Britain a Lion . . . and the United States an Eagle.

The tableau when first viewed, seemed to represent four Beasts, but upon close examination was found to be so constructed that it actually appeared to be just one. Animated by the same spirit, the series of Beasts blended into a single composite Beast. An angel, representing the United Nations, held the reins.

It is of Apocalyptic significance that a Dragon should head the procession. Viewing this phenomenon through the eye of prophecy, we see far more than China in the symbol. Revelation 12:3 comes to mind: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."

The word Dragon comes from the Greek "dragon" and means "a fabulous kind of serpent." This turns our thoughts back to Eden where a Satan-motivated creature, called the serpent, first appeared. The adjective red means "flame colored." Therefore the term red Dragon, implies "fiery serpent."

The tendency toward Beast worship had its roots in ancient Babylon. This form of idolatry and rebellion against God was instituted by Nimrod, the great grandson of Noah, and manifests itself in our day through social, economic, political and religious spheres.

Ever since the Holy Spirit began instructing prophets regarding the destiny of human governments and the true nature of sovereigns and sovereignties, He has employed allegoric pictures of ferocious monstrosities. Aside from those already mentioned, we have many other accurate descriptions of Beasts which enable us to identify the nations they portray. Even in earliest eschatological imagery, we recognize various governments, the historical roles played, as well as their political and religious composition. The Biblical dramatizations of the Beasts constitute the pre-written history of the world.

They pass before us like a moving panorama, playing their dramatic parts on the world's stage, only to go into "perdition." David knew the destiny of Satan-controlled powers and wrote of it in Psalms 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Nations passing off the scenes have been succeeded by other monstrous Beasts also under domination of "the god of this world."

One thing is clearly evident: the Dragon has led the procession, exactly as suggested by the San Francisco Tableau. Satan always aims, but never quite succeeds in demonstrating his supremacy over the will and purpose of God.

The nations and confederacies of nations designated Beasts in Scripture, must pass through successive periods until the grand finale is reached at the conclusion of the age in which we live. The Apocalyptic monstrosities, including the unholy Trinity of Revelation 13, hold over into the tribulation period. They too face destruction when Christ returns, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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SEEDS of paganism were planted throughout the world during the reign of ancient Babylon. These seeds took root and produced many evil fruit-bearing "religious plants," in contradiction to the true faith kept alive by those who remained faithful to God. "Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth" will be brought to judgment in the tribulation period.

Babylonian principles of government and religion have always made war against the program of God in the earth. The world's sad state, resulting from this evil influence, will be remedied only through the ushering in of the new Golden Age. Daniel and John have explained the true nature of the final monstrous Beast in such a way as to enable students of the Word to easily identify it, during the end-time.

Were it not for the fact that archaeology has established the authenticity of the book of Daniel, modern criticism would still be harping on fabricated claims that this document was produced at a date when certain world powers it depicts had become history. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave" and revealed "unto his servant John," also has been verified as to historic accuracy and origin.

Perhaps the outstanding differences between Daniel's and John's prophecies regarding some of the Beasts they describe, is that in the Apocalyptic vision of a Satanic world power yet to rise, the Beast will be accorded religious worship — by all those "whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb."

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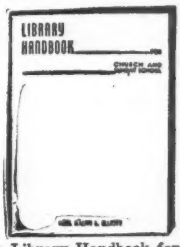

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SPACE is not available to present an exhaustive exposition of these Beasts of Revelation. It is rather our purpose simply to show that we are now actually facing the unveiling of such monstrosities. We are no doubt entering the period of Beast worship referred to in Revelation 13:8, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

One is driven to such conclusion by observing what is going on in the world today. Many people are being led to believe that atheism is the best form of religion. Those who come to "believe a lie" accept Marxian-Communism as the basis for a new social order. The Christless, bloodless Social Gospel of the Modernist Preacher originates from the same God-defying Beast source.

But literal worship of the Beast is beginning to take form. The existence of the San Francisco Tableau and the manner in which it was greeted, shows that this is no mere farfetched flight of imagination.

Great throngs admired this composite symbolic Beast. It became a subject of adoration by many. Groups of Orientals bowed in deep veneration before it. I saw a Buddhist lady pause, and holding her hands together in a worshipful attitude, murmur the mystic words, "Omi, Omi." Others appeared awe-stricken.

To be sure, the San Francisco Tableau did not depict the Apocalyptic Beast in detail, but its very existence suggests a prophetic trend. When viewing it, our thoughts turn quite naturally to Revelation 13:1, "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy."

There are seven heads in the Tableau. Japan, Germany and Italy lay in discarded fashion beneath the onrushing monstrosity. The heads hitched to the chariot depict China, Russia, Great Britain and the United States — brniging the total to seven.

The passage in Revelation 17:3 adds the further information that the final combine of powers will be red — "scarlet coloured." This, too, is significant for it reflects the motivation of the "great red dragon." Atheistic Communism is red. The tendency of present world movements is to leave God out of the program. Thus us see paraded before us, Satan-inspired dictatorships producing the deification of man.

The Beast is described as having seven heads and ten horns. The horns are described as rulers or dictators, to whom power is accorded as kings. The Greek word "basileis," translated kings, is employed elsewhere to describe rulers or regents. It would do no violence to this text to say they are commissars— since they only exercise power derived from the Beast.

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THE document or covenant, which constitutes the charter of the United Nations, is not founded upon the will of God as revealed in His Word. The heads of the Beast in the San Francisco Tableau are obviously divided against each other. This, in spite of the fact that they act as one, being fused together into a single body. Their natures are not unlike other Beasts of history.

As previously stated, the total number of heads to be seen in the Tableau is seven, even though some of them are no longer organic parts of the Beast. The angelic figure is supposed to be ushering in a period of peace.

Paradoxical as it may seem, simultaneously with the inauguration of this world-wide peace project, came the discovery of the atom bomb. This causes us to think of Paul's statement written for the last days, where he says: "For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

This pantomime was not the only thing at the San Francisco conference that reflected modern trends toward Beast worship. Not one of the often repeated slogans at the great conclave, gave recognition to God. Christ was not accorded a place at the plenary sessions of the Conference. Prayer for guidance and leadership would have been considered an affront to the delegates from Soviet Russia.

The one minute of silence observed in respect to the memory of Mr. Roosevelt can hardly be considered a prayer.

Ministers of the Gospel along the Pacific coast and other parts of our Nation became alarmed, when they saw that God and the Son of God were being ignored. Two such Pastors — Rev. Cecil J. Lowry of Oakland . . . and Rev. Guy Cooper of Los Angeles, composed the following telegram and sent it to Mr. Stettinius:

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Let it be noted, however, that President Truman had the courage to mention the Heavenly Father when he later addressed the Conference. He expressed hope that the objectives of the assembly would be achieved "by the help of God." But this failed to bring much response from that vast audience. There can be no doubt but what the new world organization looks to human leadership rather than Divine Providence for success.

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THE latter day trends toward Beast worship are most noticeable in the religious realm. Ecclesiastical leaders who favor anti-Christian radicalism are honeycombing and corrupting professedly Christian institutions.

What is happening only serves to make room for another, more exacting dictator who will weld humanity together and wield the scepter of power through this new international force. No, we are not these days seeing a "back to God" movement. We are rather drifting toward an abyss.

In the light of Bible prophecy alone, we may come to know the course of impending events and acquire an intelligent understanding of the trends.

At this late date, we can only hope to give a "witness" — the WITNESS to which Jesus referred in Matthew 24:14. The door of mercy is still open to those who will accept the invitation to believe and be saved. The Gospel remains the power of God unto salvation. Let us proclaim it zealously.

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John 11:7-16, 20:19-29

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." John 20:29.

I. AFRAID OF THE JEWS. Jesus had in times past, spent many pleasant hours in the home of Lazarus at Bethany — a small village on the eastern slope of Mount Olivet. The lesson for today finds Him and His little band of followers, a great distance from there. A messenger comes with the sad news that Lazarus, "Whom thou lovest is sick."

When our Lord suggested they return at once to Judaea, the disciples remonstrated saying: "The Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?"

The Jews, or "serpent people" of the New Testament (Matthew 23:33), had tried to kill the Master at Nazareth, following the delivery of a message in the local synagogue. After excommunicating Him, which meant social ostracism, He was taken to a steep precipice. They meant to hurl Him headlong to destruction, but in some unexplainable manner, He quietly slipped away.

After this, repeated attempts were made by Jewish leaders to quarry their prey. For months in succession, the vipers exhausted their ingenuity, trying to strike the irritating Preacher who "went about doing good." The climax to these attempts was reached in Jerusalem when He was falsely accused of blasphemy. Jewish dignitaries took up stones to kill Him, but as in the case of the murderous attempt at Nazareth, He in some way escaped from their hands.

The disciples recalling these experiences, preferred that Lazarus be permitted to continue his sleep.

II. A MORBID DISCIPLE. All efforts to make Thomas appear a man of exceptional virtue must result in failure. True, he possessed some good traits of character . . . but his morbid, negative qualities tended to take away much of the luster. The New Testament record contradicts those writers who try to play up the idea that he was simply, at times, overly cautious. The truth is: Thomas was an unstable doubter, typifying a certain type of spineless, flabby, twentieth century Christian who always absents himself when trouble rises. Fear of the Jews became an obsession to him!

When Jesus finally declared his intention of going to Bethany, Thomas said: "Let us also go, that we may die with him." But the accent on these words, show they were not uttered by a hero. They fell from the lips of a defeatist, who resentful of being overruled, assumed an "I-don't-care" attitude.

Thomas' remarks at the last supper, clearly reflected the same inward, negative attitude: "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

When Jesus appeared to the first assembly after His resurrection, Thomas was absent "for fear of the Jews." He could not risk getting caught with his brethren! The others told him, "We have seen the Lord." His explanation conveys at once the vehemence of the doubts that haunted him and the vivid mental picture he had retained of the Master's lifeless form on the Cross.

III. THERE IS HOPE FOR A DOUBTER. The tragedy of the Cross had been enacted. The Lord had died at the hands of the people whom Thomas feared. The body was placed in a sealed tomb. Thomas remained in hiding while the other bereaved disciples assembled behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews (when), came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

Let it be noted that this thrilling event occurred the "first day of the week" — or Sunday, the Christian sabbath, as distinguished from Saturday, the worship day of the Jews. In other words, Christ's followers started out observing Sunday immediately following the resurrection, AND HE MET WITH THEM.

Thomas responded to the announcement by saying: "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." This demand was followed a few minutes later with the cry: "MY LORD AND MY GOD." Thomas' transformation was complete. He proved faithful to the end. Tradition says he was the first missionary to far-off India . . . and that he died a martyr for his Lord.

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Lesson No. 2

May 26, 1946

A NEW SENSE OF VALUES

Luke 12:19-20, 18:24-30, 19:1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17.

I. A CERTAIN RICH MAN. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Material things — earthly possessions, give satisfaction only as they are shared and used to promote the happiness of others. The apostle Paul correctly identifies covetousness as idolatry.

Why is the rich man of this narrative called a "fool?" (1) Because he lacked capacity for discriminating between temporal and eternal values, and (2) Because he deemed a life of abundant earthly enjoyment, the summit of human felicity. The sudden ending of his career portrays the folly of relying upon things transitory. It shows that the permanent, enduring values of life are spiritual rather than material. Only treasure laid up in heaven is legal tender in that fair land. Eleven times, in three verses, this misguided person uses the personal pronouns "I" and "my." Foolish indeed! a self-centered fool!

II. A CERTAIN RULER. The conversation between Christ and this young man demonstrates that riches are often a misfortune. Here was a flawless life, as far as the moral code was concerned. The matter of eternal life was also in his thoughts. He was humble, for the record says, he knelt. His question, "What good thing shall I do," suggests willingness to obey. Little wonder that Jesus was favorably impressed!

But buried deep in the subsoil of this personality was a taproot of selfishness that needed to be severed. One thing stood in the way of spiritual attainment. Our Lord resorted to the use of soul surgery for the welfare of the patient: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me."

The seeker was "very sorrowful." Sorry he was, very sorry, to part with Christ. But to part with his riches would have caused greater pangs. Our Lord sighed: "It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." This was a proverbial expression denoting something very difficult. Had the rich young ruler been a pauper he might have become a saint.

III. A CERTAIN PUBLICAN. Curiosity led a little man of Jericho to climb a sycamore tree. When Jesus came to the tree, He paused, looked up at the man on his perch, bade him hasten and come down . . . because He wished to be his house guest. No matter that Zacchaeus was odious to the neighbors because of his profession as a tax collector!

The Lord called His host by NAME: "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down." Satan knows his followers by NUMBER. Antichrist will number the entire human race, according to Revelation 13:17-18. God knows His children by name. "He calleth his own sheep by name." John 10:3.

The royalty of the Son of God is suggested by the fact that our Saviour INVITED HIMSELF into this man's home. Sovereigns do not wait for invitations. Subjects are honored by their presence.

Lesson No. 3

June 2, 1946

FRIENDS AT BETHANY

Mark 14:3-9, Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-3.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let us love one another: for love is of God." I John 4:7.

I. MARY'S DEVOTION. Our Lord's friendships were many and varied. The home of "Simon the leper" was the scene of Mary's act of adoration, which caused hallowed sentiments to be associated with her name throughout all Christian generations. There are nine different Simons mentioned in the New Testament . . . but concerning this one, the People's Bible Encyclopedia says: "It is not improbable that he had been miraculously cured by Jesus. In his house Mary anointed Jesus preparatory to His death and burial."

The disciples and several other guests were present. Mary shocked the group by breaking "an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard" and pouring it "on his head." The word spikenard is derived from a Greek term (pistikos), meaning "unadulterated" and in its spiritual setting, applied to religious experience, implies "trustfulness, assurance, fidelity and constancy of profession."

The Song of Solomon describes the King's bride as presenting Solomon with a spikenard that gave forth a pleasant odor. In this dialogue, the bride typifies the Church, while Solomon represents Christ.

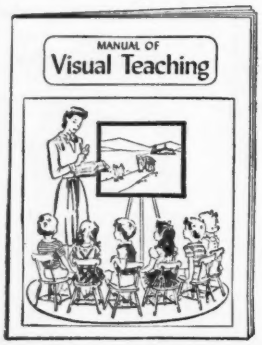
John adds, in his Gospel, that Mary also anointed the feet of the Master and wiped them with her hair. Her fine intuition perceived that He would not be with them much longer. She knew the hour of His death was rapidly approaching. This is indicated by our Lord's words: "She is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying."

II. JUDAS' DECEPTION. Some of the guests regarded such prolifigate use of the precious ointment as waste, and shouted disapproval. As long as the spikenard remained in the cruse, the thought of selling it for charitable purposes and feeding the poor did not enter their minds. But when devoted to the glory of Christ, they suddenly realized that a "mistake" had been made. It actually cost Mary $62.50 to anoint the head and feet of Jesus.

John says the selfish suggestion about the money being wasted, originated in the brain of the betrayer: "Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son which should betray him." Thus, we learn that this thought stirred first in the breast and issued from the base lips, of the most vicious human being the world has ever known. "This he said," continues John, "not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief." It is an interesting paradox that an avaricious and dishonest person was taken into the group of the Twelve . . . and entrusted with the custody of their little property.

Jesus saw through this shameful pretense at a glance. He told the critics, in language unmistakably clear, that the woman was justified in her act of devotion. "Let her alone," said He. Had Mary sold the perfume and purchased a tombstone, it would long since have crumbled. But her loving deed provided a monument to live forever. "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial to her." From generation to generation, this remarkable prophecy of our Lord has been fulfilled.

III. THE HAPPY HOME. The house in Bethany, occupied by Lazarus and his two sisters, belonged to Martha. This would seem to indicate that she was the oldest of the three. It was a hospitable home where spiritual matters were esteemed. The atmosphere of peace and tranquility, existing there, charmed



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TRAINING FOR SERVICE

Mark 6:7-13, Luke 10:1-20, 14:25-27.

GOLDEN TEXT: "He that doth not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38.

I. PERSONAL EVANGELISM. Christians learn from their Master the secret of true greatness: "He that would be chief among you, let him be your servant." Genuine success can be measured only in terms of service rendered. To this thought should be added the words of Solomon: "HE THAT WINNETH SOULS IS WISE." Jesus was a soul-winner. He expects us to be soul-winners. He inaugurated the great plan of evangelism, which unfolded with the passing of the centuries and the progress of the Church in the world.

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WINNING MEN. Dr. John Timothy Stone. Fleming H. Revell Company. Pages 108. Price $1.50.

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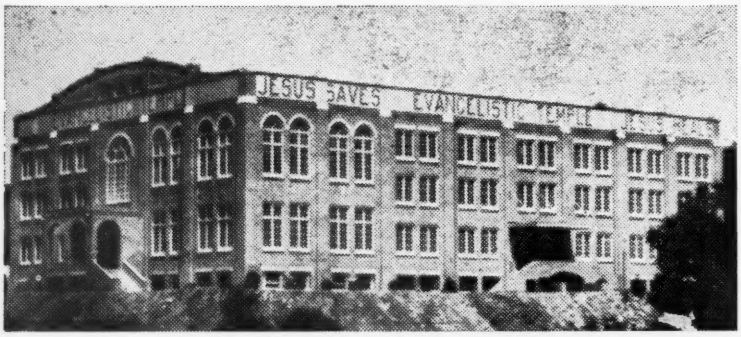

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